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Re: Applicant(s): Yencho, Stephen; et. al.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Superelastic Anastomosis Device
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a **continuation** application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending U.S. Patent Application serial no. **09/687,216**, filed on October 12, 2000 by the following named inventors:

- (a) Yencho, Stephen; and
- (b) Vargas, Jaime.

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior U.S. Patent Application serial no. 09/687,216 as originally filed, including copies of the specification and drawings. The enclosed patent application includes a new set of claims, a first page that has been revised to claim priority to the parent application, and a new abstract, in accordance with 1251 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 54 (October 9, 2001). A copy of the executed oath or declaration as filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,216 is also enclosed.

Assignment to Vascular Innovations, Inc. of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,216 is recorded at reel 011525, frame 0925. The assignee's change of name from Vascular Innovations, Inc. to Cardica, Inc. is recorded at reel 013180, frame 0120.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Brian A. Schar, Reg. No. 45,076, and Mark Meltzer, Reg. No. 28,739. Please address all communications to:

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Return postcard;
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449;



- (4) Copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,216 as filed, including originally-filed declaration, with revised first page, a new set of claims and a new abstract; and
 (5) Check no. 09502 in the amount of \$412.00.

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Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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